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**By Associated Press, Updated: Wednesday, July 25, 2:00 PMAP**

DIMOCK, Pa. — Federal regulators say that they've completed tests on drinking water in the northeastern Pennsylvania village of Dimock (DIH'-muk), and that the water is safe to drink.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released a statement Wednesday saying no further action is necessary in Dimock. The agency also says there's no further need to provide residents with alternative supplies of drinking water.

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Some residents of Dimock and anti-drilling groups had claimed that Houston-based Cabot Oil & Gas Corp. polluted the local aquifer with methane and toxic chemicals. They have disputed the EPA's interpretation of the test results.

Some Dimock residents have been able to light their tap water on fire.

Cabot did not immediately respond to a request for comment.